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Viking Range Corporation,

Opposition No.: 91201506

Opposer,

v.

APPLICANT'S OPPOSITION TO OPPOSER'S MOTION TO SUSPEND OPPOSITIONS

Viking River Cruises (Bermuda) Ltd.,

Applicant.

Opposer Viking Range Corporation ("Opposer") has filed a Motion to Suspend
Opposition Nos. 91201482, 91201495, 91201501, 91201502, 91201504, 91201506, and
91201512 (collectively, the "Oppositions") or, in the alternative, to suspend all discovery in the
Oppositions pending the Board's ruling on Opposer's Motion to Consolidate Proceedings.
Applicant Viking River Cruises (Bermuda) Ltd. ("Applicant") does not oppose a general
suspension of the dates in the proceedings while the Board rules on Opposer's Motion to
Consolidate Proceedings. Applicant does, however, oppose Opposer's request to suspend all
outstanding discovery obligations pending the Board's ruling on Opposer's Motion to
Consolidate Proceedings. Applicant has already prepared and served Applicant's First Set of
Interrogatories, Requests for Admission, and Document Requests on Opposer on February 13,
2012, and Opposer's responses to Applicant's discovery requests are due on March 19, 2012.

Opposer's filing of a Motion to Consolidate Proceedings does not warrant a suspension of Opposer's discovery obligations. Suspension of a party's outstanding discovery obligations is only appropriate in certain situations where a party has filed a potentially dispositive motion. "On a case-by-case basis, the Board may find that the filing of a potentially dispositive motion provides a party with good cause for not complying with an otherwise outstanding obligation, for example, responding to discovery requests." TBMP § 510.03(a). A motion to consolidate

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proceedings is not a potentially dispositive motion. Applicant submits that a suspension of all discovery would permit Opposer to improperly delay its discovery obligations after Applicant has expended significant time and resources to obtain information necessary for Applicant to defend each of its applications.

Applicant therefore consents to a general suspension of the close of discovery and the trial dates in the proceedings pending the Board's ruling on Opposer's Motion to Consolidate, but respectfully requests that Opposer's request to suspend its outstanding discovery obligations be denied.

Dated: March 14, 2012

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The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing APPLICANT'S OPPOSITION TO OPPOSER'S MOTION TO SUSPEND OPPOSITIONS is being served upon counsel for Opposer by First Class Mail on this the day of March 2012, by placing the same in an envelope addressed as follows:

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